(Qty. : MT & Value : US Million $)

Year	Small Cardamom		Large Cardamom	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
1992-93*	190	2.59	1264	2.98
1993-94*	342	4.42	1745	3.69
1994-95(E)**	261	2.42	1220	2.46

(E) : Estimate, *Source : DGCI&S, Calcutta

**Source : Spices Board.

State-wise Break up is not maintained

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Some of the schemes implemented by the Government Spices Board to increase the production/productivity and the exports of cardamom include:—

(i) Production and supply of quality planting material through Departmental, certified and polybag Nursery Schemes.

(ii) Production and supply of tissue culture plantlets of high yielding varieties of cardamom.

(iii) Giving financial assistance for provision of irrigation facilities.

(iv) Providing subsidy for replantation of old diseased and uneconomic plantations.

(v) Participation in international fairs, arranging buyer-seller meets and inviting leading imppprters of cardamom.

(vi) Undertaking logo promotion activities in West Asian markets and maintaining close liasion with trade missions in that region.

(vii) Air freight subsidy for a limited period, on export of cardamom to West Asian destination.

CAG Report on Indirect Taxes pointing out non-fulfilment of export obligations by companies

5080. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) in his latest report on indirect taxes has pointed out that though many companies have availed import benefits but they have not undertaken their obligations toward sexports;

(b) if so, the details of such companies and the action Government propose to take in the matter to check the misuse of the import facility; and

(c) the number of such cases that have occurred earlier and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) C&AG in his general appraisal expressed some doubts about fulfilment of Export Obligation in time under the Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme.

(b) and (c) The Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme (EPCG) Scheme started functioning in May '90 after issue of Customs Notification No. 169/90-Cus. on 3.5.90. The first import licence after approval by the Committee was issued in August '90. The Export Obligation, as per policy, then tn force was to be completed within four years from the date of first import. Export Obligation

in many cases has been completed before time and so far 276 Bank Gurantees have alreday been redeemed.

Monitoring of Export Obligation is a continuous process. As per available information the details of Export Obligation imposed and the Export Obligation fulfilled upto 1994-95 is as follows:—

(Rs. in Crores)

Licensing Year	E.O. Imposed	E.O. Fulfilled
1990-91 . . .	1128.30	836.62
1991-92 . . .	1211.73	1079.76
1992-93 . . .	9947.04	4678.65
1993-94 . . .	9173.81	1876.82
1994-95 . . .	14098.09	1239.78

Non-canalised exports and imports by MMTC

5081. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the non-canalised exports of Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India Ltd., during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 and value of exports of each of such commodity;

(b) what are the non-canalised imports by MMTC during 1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95 and value of import of each of such commodity;

(c) in how many countries MMTC is maintaining its offices and what is the expenditure incurred on them during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95; and

(d) what are the reasons for the sudden increase in imports by MMTC during 1994-95 when compared to 1993-94 and the goods imported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Statement is attached (Statement-I). (*See* below).

(b) A Statement is attahced as (Statement-II). (*See* below).

(c) As on date MMTC is maintaining foreign offices in Singapore, Tokyo, Dubai, Moscow, Germany and USA. The total expenditure incurred by MMTC on its foreign offices during 1992-93 and 1993-94, was Rs. 197.26 lakhs and Rs. 432.60 lakhs respectively and it is expected to be about Rs. 419.28 lakhs in 1994-95 (Provisionally).

(d) During the year 1994-95, MMTC imported sugar for the first time. Also gold and silver were imported against special import licences for the first time. Further, there was an inrcease in the value of import of non-ferrous metals and fertilizers (in particular urea), during 1994-95 as compared to 1993-94.

Statement I

NON-CANALISED EXPORTS BY MMTC

(Value Rs. Crores)

Particulars	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Iron ore/Minor Minerals	83.42	..	13.40
Chrome Ore Concentrate/Barytes/Mud Chem/Others Soyal meal	3.96	0.50	2.82
Soyal meal	25.66	36.64	28.13
Rapeseed/Sunflower/Castor Sesame Seed, others . . .	..	22.39	9.23
Rice	8.29	..	1.96